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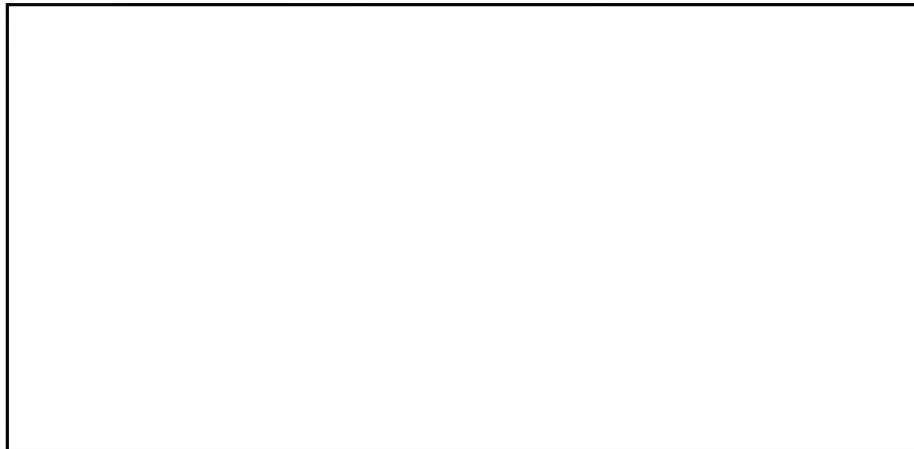
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Cuba: (In his address at the UN General Assembly on Monday, President Dorticos will almost certainly try to justify Cuba's military buildup by alleging that the US is committing subversion and planning military aggression against the Castro regime.)

(The Cubans have taken this line in a ten-page letter they intend to circulate to all UN delegations. They claim that Cuba will never use its "defense resources" for aggressive purposes, and would not even need an army if it had adequate guarantees against US aggression. It is thus "the imperialist government of the US which threatens the security of Cuba and of the hemisphere and the world.")

(The letter reiterates earlier statements that Cuba is ready to "hold discussions with the US and to carry out any agreements reached should it meet an equal disposition on the part of the US to reduce tension and improve relations.")

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USSR-Congo: (Moscow is urging the Adoula government to turn to the bloc for military and economic aid to solve the Katanga problem.)

(The newly arrived Soviet ambassador in Leopoldville is openly predicting that the UN plan will fail to reintegrate Katanga and is advising the Adoula government to demand its withdrawal. He has renewed earlier offers of economic aid and reportedly has offered military assistance in the event UN forces are removed.)

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the Soviet offers will strengthen Leopoldville's reluctance to make any concessions to Tshombé.

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Portugal: The newly appointed governor general of Angola, Lt. Col. Silvino Silverio Marques, was formerly governor of the Cape Verde Islands, and is regarded as an able and tactful administrator.

The US Embassy at Lisbon comments that the appointment of Marques, rather than one of the more prominent and conservative figures rumored to be under consideration for the job, suggests that Lisbon may be deliberately seeking to downgrade the governor general's office. This would be in line with Overseas Minister Moreira's announced plans to give more scope and influence to the Angolan legislative assembly.

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Brazil: (Disturbances may occur in Rio de Janeiro on 7 October in connection with national elections.)

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(Elsewhere in the country the military, as is normal, have been positioned to control possible violence on election day or the days following as returns are slowly counted.)

(The indications at present are that centrists and conservatives will retain the majority of the positions in Congress and in the states, but it also appears that leftists and ultranationalists may make some gains.)

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NOTE: The Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, feels that there is no reliable evidence to indicate

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serious demonstrations on election day in Rio de Janeiro or elsewhere in the country. He believes such activity to be quite unlikely, except for the isolated instances of violence that normally occur during Brazilian elections. The deployment of military units on election day is a normal precautionary measure. Moreover, the prediction concerning leftist gains in the election is unsubstantiated by reporting from the field which indicated, on the contrary, that centrist forces will retain their currently dominant positions in the Congress and the states.)

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Bolivia: (On 4 October Czechoslovakia formally offered free assistance to Bolivia in developing its hydroelectric resources.)

(The offer includes preparation of an over-all plan for national hydroelectric development, investigation of promising sites, and preparation of engineering plans and studies and of final blueprints. Czechoslovakia offered to send technical specialists, establish an institute to train Bolivians, undertake initial construction, and find sources of construction materials for dam construction.)

(The Czechs do not normally offer to provide extensive services without charge, and it is unlikely that more than limited technical assistance would be provided on this basis. The Czechs previously offered Bolivia an antimony smelter on commercial terms.)

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